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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application being filed with this petition as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

## Method and Device for the Production of Reticular Structures

[1] This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of the parent application DE 199 39 155.6, filed on August 20, 1999 and PCT application PCT/DE00/02597, filed on August 4, 2000.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[2] This invention relates to a method of producing reticular structures, and particularly, to the production of metallic reticular structures, as well as to a device suitable therefor.